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TAXPAYERS AND "GOOD WILL"

The President, as you know, labels his current travels as a "good will" tour. This led one Washington wag to remark (privately) that the American taxpayer could use some good will too. Aside from the cost of the trip – probably several million dollars – this observer got a grim laugh out of a little-noticed aspect of the tour. It is this. In the last 15 years, American taxpayers have coughed up close to 70 billion dollars for foreign aid. All those dollars were supposed to be buying good will for the United States. Now, 15 years and 70 billion dollars later, it seems the President must go touring in 11 countries in order to build up good will for the United States.

Publicly, the President's latest trip is supposed to have the backing of leaders in both parties. Privately, however, there has been a good deal of griping. Of course, this is to be expected from the Democratic leaders. Next year's political campaign is now in the warm-

up stage. Naturally, they dislike seeing the titular head of the Republican Party grabbing so much newspaper space with his world travels.

But there is also troubled headshaking about the trip in the ranks of the President's own party. There is fear that these numerous meetings with foreign leaders will wind up, as usual, with another raid on the pockets of the American taxpayer. It is the President's congressional leaders who will have to face the music – in an election year – if the so-called "good will" picked up on the tour turns out to be promises of more American dollars. Certain of these leaders are also troubled at the mounting problems here at home – labor problems, financial problems, seething unrest right in our own hemisphere – which get pushed aside while the President travels.

As for the Washington correspondents, they are notoriously a cynical breed, so perhaps the following observation should be discounted. But one of them has a simple private explanation for the President's trip. This particular fellow has a long memory. He recalls that some months ago the President expressed a desire, after he leaves the White House, to travel in countries he had never visited before. This cynical newsman thinks the President simply decided to get in a bit of travel before he left the White House, so the taxpayers could foot the bill.

The President's congressional leaders have good reason to worry about the bill he will ask them to hand the taxpayers when Congress meets again in January. And it is difficult to escape the feeling that Mr. Eisenhower is so busy traveling here, there, and everywhere that his right hand does not know what his left hand is doing. For instance, his Budget Director, Mr. Stans, is genuinely concerned about the precarious financial position of the federal government. He has issued warning after warning about the need for a balanced budget. Only recently, Mr. Stans said taxpayers must demand an end to what he called "compulsive spending" which has given us a record budget and public debt. Even the President talks a great deal about economy in government, and fancies himself as opposed to the big spenders. Yet just before he left on

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his trip, he indicated that he was going to ask Congress for an *even greater* sum of money for foreign giveaways than he did last year. And congressional leaders are fearful that the request for giveaways abroad may grow and grow, as a result of the President's foreign tour.

WHAT IS OUR CAUSE?

This inconsistency of the President is also apparent on a different front. Another announced purpose of his current travels is to win sympathy for what is called the Western cause, as opposed to Communist Russia. But how do you win people to your cause when you yourself do not seem to be sure what your cause is? Presumably nothing would contribute more to the Western cause than the gradual break-up of the communist empire. And there is no longer any doubt that Boss Khrushchev has plenty of troubles on his hands, especially in the captive countries. But consider for a moment the following items, and you will see why many close observers are seriously troubled by the President's inconsistencies:

First, the President invited Boss Khrushchev to the United States, thus giving the Red dictator his greatest propaganda victory in years. Then, on the heels of that, he is traveling across half the world to win neutralist countries to something called "the Western cause."

Second, as I reported to you recently, the communist regime in Poland is in serious difficulties. It has imposed meatless days on the people and there are shortages of all kinds of food. So what happens? Do we let Khrushchev and his Polish stooge Gomulka stew in the juices they cooked up for themselves? If we are really opposed to communism and communist regimes, would not that seem the sensible thing to do – or at least to

do nothing which gives Red tyranny a new lease on life? But no! Instead, Communist Poland will get 200,000 tons of grain from the United States to rebuild its cattle production!

Third, just before he left on his trip to win friends for the Western cause against Red Russia, the President made a new diplomatic appointment. To where? To Communist Bulgaria! We severed diplomatic relations with Bulgaria nearly 10 years ago, when it became a captive country of the Reds. Now we have presented Khrushchev with another little feather for his cap by naming an American minister to one of his Red nations.

REDS CLOSE TO HOME

Meantime, while all this is going on – and while the President travels 22,000 miles to win neutralist countries to our side – right here in the Western Hemisphere the Reds and their agents are having a field day. Nearly all the Latin American countries are seething with Red-inspired agitation and revolt. Recent events in Cuba and Panama are simply indications of hidden forces at work in other South American countries which could explode in our faces almost any day. The Reds, both Russian and Chinese, work wherever they can, and with their usual techniques, through native sympathizers. As a result native populations often think the agitation and revolt is spontaneous. And this extremely dangerous situation is helped along by the preoccupation of American leaders with affairs in the far corners of the earth, while serious problems here at home and in our own hemisphere are brushed aside.

An authoritative Latin-American observer recently made a trip through the countries to the south of us. His name is Dr. Emilio Portuondo, a Cuban patriot who is opposed not only to the pro-Red Castro but also to the former dictator of his country. Dr. Portuondo said the most far-reaching conclusion of his trip was that loyal friends of the United States in Latin America have lost faith in us. They no longer consider the United States as the defender of our southern neighbors against the massive infiltration of international communism. And he points out that

Latin-American governments cannot fight alone against Red tactics of economic warfare. In other words, our southern neighbors are equally as puzzled as many Americans. They see U.S. leaders ostensibly resisting communist aims on the one hand, while on the other they build up the Red Empire, and seemingly ignore the communist threat right in our own Western Hemisphere.

Is it any wonder, then, that many seriously worried observers are saying privately, if not publicly, that the President of the United States ought to stay home and tend to his knitting? Perhaps if he did, every time he picked up a stitch with his right hand, he wouldn't drop it with his left. *– John T. Flynn*

Foregoing items covered in Mutual network broadcast 12/13/59

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Book Review

NO LONGER SO SECRET

THE SECRET WORLD *by Peter Deriabin & Frank Gibney, 334 pages, Doubleday, N.Y., $4.50.*

"If it weren't for our work in Canada and the U. S.," Fedotov noted, "the Soviet Union would still not have the atom bomb." The speaker was head of the Foreign Intelligence Directorate, USSR. He made this remark, in Peter Deriabin's presence, *seven years* after the development of our first atomic bomb.

There are many even more startling and shocking revelations in this book, which grew out of two articles appearing in *Life* about the time the House Un-American Activities Committee released Deriabin's secret testimony.

Peter Deriabin, up to now, is the highest ranking Soviet official who has ever defected to the West. In fact, he is the first officer of what is known as the Kremlin Guard ever to have escaped the clutches of the Soviet slave-state.

As others of lower status before him, Deriabin is an example of the much-vaunted "new Soviet man." He grew up in the Red system, with only dim and remote memories of what went before. He was a staunch member of the "Young Pioneers," the Soviet youth organization. He became a Communist Party member when

he was 19 years old. He rose rapidly in the Soviet hierarchy, until he became one of the most trusted officers of the State Security System. As such, he worked inside the Kremlin close to Stalin and the other "big boys" of the Red regime. He was advanced to the Foreign Intelligence Branch, sent to Vienna to direct Soviet intelligence there (the first time he had ever been outside the borders of the Soviet Union) and not long afterwards walked into American headquarters and asked for asylum.

Thus Deriabin is living proof that the Soviet system carries within it the seeds of its own destruction – if only the West would quit shoring it up.

His story is perhaps the most detailed we have yet had of "the secret world" of the Soviet secret police, on which is built the Red regime's main source of power. He has much to reveal – not only of the techniques of murder, spying and sabotage on which the Red bosses must rely to maintain their slave-state – but of the immorality of the socialist regime and the "new class" it has reared in the "classless" society.

Not the least important part of Mr. Deriabin's book is his penetrating analysis of Nikita Khrushchev, whom he knew before Khrushy achieved total power. Deriabin shows that the deceptive "softening" reported by so many superficial western visitors to Russia is merely a prelude to the consolidation of Soviet State Security "as an agent of the new dictator." As he puts it, "the beast has changed his spots slightly, but he has not gone away."

This book makes fascinating, terrifying, and essential reading – helped along in no small measure by the hand of an experienced journalist, Frank Gibney, who writes the book about Mr. Deriabin in the third person. Peter Deriabin adds his own epilogue, giving his impressions of his adopted country in the five years since he became just a man – not a "new Soviet man."

– Rosalie Gordon

"Only the individual can pay the bill for big government, and unless its spending is curbed the final installment paid by the individual will be his freedom." – Brookville (Pa.) AMERICAN

OLD STUFF

"For almost a hundred years it has been argued that the federal government would have to assume some responsibility for public education to avert some sort of disaster. In 1870 for example, Congress even considered a bill which would have established a national school system with the President appointing the superintendents.

"Congress was assured then and just about every year, month and day since, that something had to be done for education. Yet, since 1890, when public education began to expand in this country, public school expenditures have increased 65 times although enrollments are yet to triple. Per capita spending has risen from $10 to more than $90 and the percentage of national income going into public education has more than tripled." – *from an address by Dr. W. W. Hill, Jr., Director of Educational Research, College Life Insurance Co.*

PART OF THE STRATEGY

"It is well to keep in mind some advice offered by a veteran British labor leader, a recanted communist. Speaking with the experience of 22 years spent in the Communist Party, Tom Keep had this to say: 'Communism is a philosophy founded on hatred, bitterness and class war...When I become indifferent about the things I see wrong in my nation, I become part of the communist strategy.'" – *Elgin (Ill.) COURIER-NEWS*

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